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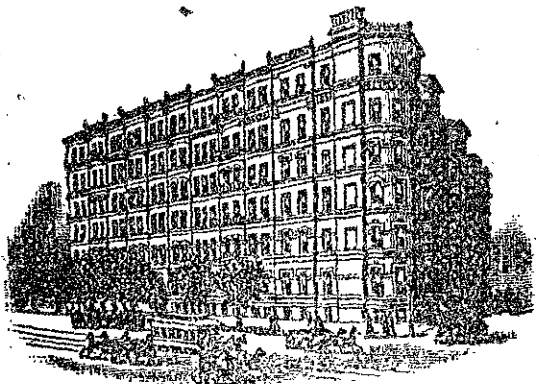
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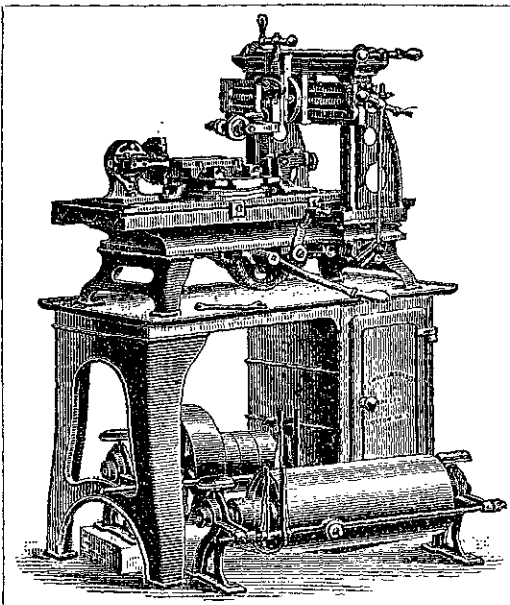
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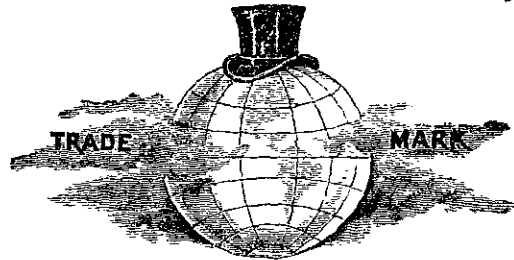
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THE football season for this year is at an end, and we may well study the lesson it can teach. A record of four games won to five lost is apparently disgraceful. Yet under the circumstances we may wonder that it is no worse.

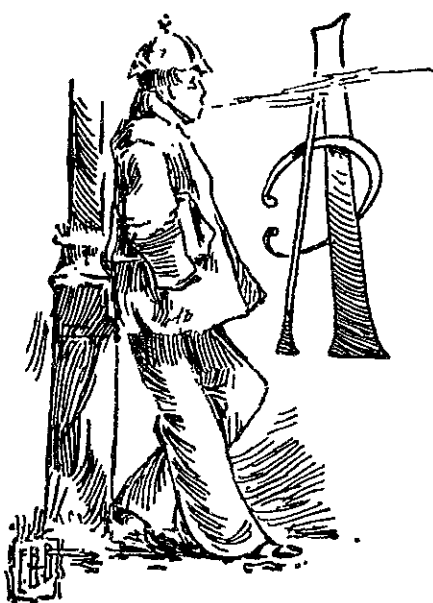
Last year closed so auspiciously that all of us looked forward to successes in the future. But we looked in vain, for the simple reason that the many left the work to the few. With splendid material apparently at our command, our team was allowed to be deficient in weight and substitutes. But for the brilliant work of three or four men our reputation would have suffered terribly. In no other way can we account for the lack of spirit shown by many men among us who are by nature and training best fitted to represent Technology on the football field, than by the lamentable lack of "public feeling" manifested among the students themselves. Only four years ago one of our alumni paints the picture of Technology turning out *en masse* to yell itself

hoarse for the support of its eleven. Then it was an honor to play on our teams, and there was no dearth of candidates. We do not disparage in the least the work of our present team, for they have had an uphill struggle. When lame and sore they have played time and again for want of substitutes; they have bucked heavier rush lines from far smaller colleges, and all credit is due them. However, that in no way alters the other conditions stated.

Further, we must criticise the management. We realize the difficulty there is in making satisfactory dates, yet all of us must feel dissatisfied with the schedule as it was actually played. The posting of notices of games or postponements upon the day of their occurrence is often of little benefit to men who have to plan for the utilization of every minute. Beyond this, there are many alumni in the city who would gladly attend home games if they knew of their occurrence. In "the good old times" hundreds of posters, besides newspaper notices, kept all interested persons informed upon such matters. Several minor things, of importance, however, to the spirit and make-up of the team, have been brought to our notice, but had best be omitted here. Our desire is not so much to criticise the past as to withdraw from it a lesson for the future.

There is no legitimate reason why Technology, with twelve hundred students, should not be able to support a coach and give its team the benefits of a training table. If we are to make our better supply of material counterbalance the greater time for practice possessed by most colleges, we must see that our men are properly trained, relieved when disabled, and coached by those able and free to develop their play. If the Institute is to play football at all, let every student realize that upon him

individually rests a share of the responsibility. Our season opens so late that the possibility of the football men beginning practice a week or two before the fall term begins is ever before us. Many, indeed, are the means by which our record for next year can be improved, and each detail should be balanced for its utmost weight. Now, we must all feel grateful to Captain Thomas and his men for past work, and endeavor to support them better in the future.



DEVICE for the concise record of important current events—such as class and society meetings, football and athletic games—has been suggested by one of our progressive students. The need of some such bulletin,

to be devoted exclusively to legitimate student notices,—and not to be at the service of every boarding-house keeper in town, or every man who wants a roommate or who has an old uniform for sale,—must have struck each one of us at some time or other. By that means alone could a person be sure of ascertaining at a glance the events of the day in season to be benefited by such information.

The plan, in brief, is to have a board arranged to hold a number of equal-sized cards, each large enough to outline the event to be advertised. The originator has volunteered to take charge of such a bulletin if the Institute Committee will provide it, and to see that all notices sent to him are properly published. The good to be gained from some such arrangement is too apparent to need further explanation. The Institute Committee is investigating the problem, and will probably provide the board if the classes will bear the expense.

THE financial condition of the Athletic Club is deserving of consideration by every student. That one of our oldest and worthiest organizations should suffer for lack of funds is to be deeply deplored. A membership proportionate to the size of Technology would put the club in flourishing shape, and this membership THE TECH hopes to see realized. Let each man attend all the games given by the club, and in this way, as well as by joining it, show his loyalty. THE TECH regrets that the state of its own treasury forbids the financial help which it has often in the past gladly furnished. The suggestion of an extra concert by the Glee and Banjo Club for the benefit of the Athletic Club is a good one. Probably the musical organizations will not feel like giving much money to anything until the success of its tour is assured, nor could we well expect them to, but doubtless every member would be willing to participate in an event for the aid of his athletic friends.

THE matter of better light in the Gym, mentioned in a recent editorial, has caused considerable discussion. It seems that electric lighting is inadvisable, owing to its expense, and to the temporary nature of the Gym itself. The land upon which the building stands belongs to the Boston & Albany Railroad, which proposes sooner or later to build a station there. We must look, then, for an improvement in the gas illumination. The trouble at present is caused by the size of the gas supply pipe, which is entirely inadequate to furnish the necessary amount of gas. The greater the number of lights, the smaller is each flame.

Shortly after four o'clock students begin to exercise, and generally artificial light is needed even at that early hour. We recommend, therefore, that proper piping be introduced into the building, in order to get all the light possible out of the gas.

THE German club, suggested in THE TECH a couple of weeks ago, has called forth much discussion. Several of the professors have manifested considerable interest in the scheme, and promised their aid if desired. No one doubts the good to be derived from such a club, so it only remains for some energetic student to set the ball rolling in order to create another worthy organization at Technology.

IT has been proposed that the Senior photograph committee investigate the cost, advisability, and means of publishing albums containing half-tone reproductions of all the photographs taken of members of the Senior class, of the Faculty, and a few of the best views of the various buildings. The expense, it is believed, would be only half that of the photographs themselves. In this way the entire list will be within the means of many students who would otherwise be unwilling to pay twenty or thirty dollars for cabinets. THE TECH urges a thorough consideration of this matter.

ONLY one week more remains for our aspiring poets to take advantage of the ten-dollar prize offered by THE TECH for original verse. As yet no one has any very strong claim on it, so the field is open for a hot finish.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

To say the least, it is unpleasant to be crippled with poverty when possessed with such eternal pride; but surely something must be done at once to help the Athletic Club along. In years gone by, the largely attended "pulls" of our once famous tug-of-war team, were a source of much revenue to the Club. Now, as the sport is condemned, the M. I. T. A. C. is no longer self-supporting. It must look elsewhere for assistance. It might be well for the corporation to consider the matter of appropriating annually a small

amount for our welfare, as is done in many colleges. Also the Glee and Banjo Clubs could give an entertainment for our benefit. "Charity begins at home." Let them carry through all their plans for the Western trip; we wish them success. We only ask that an extra concert be given for the benefit of the Athletic Club.

H.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

I desire to call the thoughtful attention of your readers to the custom prevalent among the students here of tipping hats to the professors. I consider this practice worthy of severe condemnation. In the first place it tends to create a caste by giving undue dignity to the office of professorship. Who of us would think of paying a like tribute to the successful down town merchant? But is a man any the less worthy of respect because he enters upon a mercantile career rather than teaching? We practically pay our homage to the occupation and not to the individual. This I believe to be wrong, for it is man who ennoble office, and not office which truly exalts man. But the practice is even more deplorable in that it diminishes the self-respect of the student. It savors neither of chivalry nor of manliness, but of servility. It places the student in an inferior position; it is repulsive to the inborn American sentiment of equality; and, worst of all, it opens the avenue to hypocrisy and vicious policy. It is inevitable that some students will foolishly believe that they can thus raise themselves in the eyes of their professors.

These criticisms arise from no lack of sincere respect to our professors. They have willingly met us half way, and have by no means considered this outward mark of respect as a part of our duty to them. For my own part, I cannot believe that they desire it. Why not, then, abandon this senseless and uncalled-for practice?

C.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

In an editorial in a late issue of THE TECH, the habit of tipping up chairs in the lunch room was severely criticised. I have taken my lunches in the "Co-op." lunch room for about two years, but I do not see the justice of your criticism. An observing glance at the men seated at the several tables in the lunch room shows, to one well acquainted at the Institute, that the practice is not a bad one at all, but, on the other hand, one that should be encouraged. At one table will be found the professors; at another,

some instructors; at another, the Mechanicals are enjoying their lunch together; at still another, the Civils; and yet another, the Architects. A closer inspection will show that, for the most part, the men seated around any one table belong to the same course, section, class, or, at any rate, are intimately acquainted with each other. I lunch regularly with a party who arrange their work so that they can pass their lunch hour together; and it is acknowledged by each one to be one of the most pleasant hours of the day. Inquiry has shown that what is true in this case is true in several other cases.

Supposing, for instance, that one of these parties goes to the lunch room and does not turn up chairs; by the time all are seated it is highly probable that they cannot get seats together. As a result the party is broken up, and each man eats his lunch with the idea of getting through as quickly as possible. This may seem of little consequence, but it certainly is not. We do not have any too much time to talk over Institute affairs; the lunch hour, under the present conditions, offers an excellent opportunity for it. We would have more class spirit, the Institute would be better off for it, if we had more such meetings among the students. Who can deny that the frequent meeting of the students at other times than those of work is one of the greatest promoters of college spirit? It is needless to cite examples. The fact that these men know before they start that they can probably sit together, is the reason they arrange their work to meet there. If they could not turn up chairs, they would, in but few instances, be able to sit together, and hence they would not take the pains to arrange their work for this meeting.

It does not seem reasonable to suppose that any man or set of men go about maliciously or thoughtlessly tipping up chairs and leaving them vacant. One seldom sees a chair vacant long at a time during the rush. If some one has been so ungentlemanly as to forget it, his double is just as likely to come along and forget that it was tipped up. I have seen this happen several times. Furthermore you can but wish that the old principle, "First come, first served," should hold. If the first there is the first served he will get a seat. If the first there is not the first served, it is no reason why he should stand, while a later comer should sit and eat. Tipping up chairs, then, evidently allows the first comer to enjoy the most privileges, which is as it should be.

M. A. C.

Professor George E. Hale.

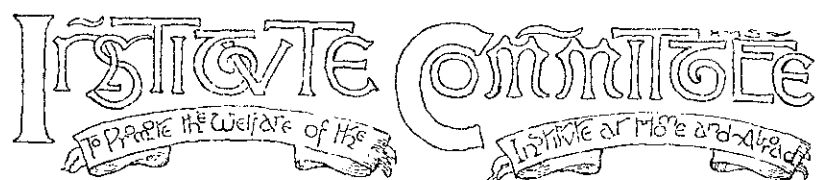
AMONG our recent graduates, there is one deserving of all praise for his scientific achievements. Prof. Geo. E. Hale, of the University of Chicago, graduated in '90 in Course VIII. His tastes lay in the direction of astro-physics, as exemplified by the title of his thesis, this being on the "Photographing of the Solar Prominences." During a trip to Europe he read a paper on his favorite subject before the British Association for the advancement of Science. The merit of this paper evoked special comment from the many distinguished scientists who were present, and reflected great credit on his scientific ability.

Professor Hale's private observatory, where most of his original work is carried on, is located in Chicago. With the apparatus he has there a large amount of investigation on the solar prominences has been carried on successfully, and results have been attained by him as yet unexcelled. The photographic instrument used is a reflector of about twelve inches aperture, and it is fitted with a "spectro heliograph," an instrument of his own design. By its aid he has succeeded in obtaining marvelous photographs of the sun's faculæ and prominences, and doubtless he will in the future devise some means of successfully photographing that pearly light known as the "corona," which extends for thousands of miles in every direction round our sun.

The new University of Chicago was not long in recognizing Mr. Hale's ability, and it conferred on him the chair of professor of astronomy. The large 40-inch refracting telescope, the gift of Mr. Chas. T. Yerkes to the University, will be under Professor Hale's direction. This is the largest instrument of its kind in the world, and will soon be erected at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where wonderful work is expected of it.

We are glad to feel that one of our recent graduates has, through hard work and persistent effort, reached such a position as that granted to Professor Hale by the University of

Chicago. Let us wish that he may have every success in his future work, and that he may continue to reflect credit upon Technology, as he has done in the past.



ON November 28th the Institute Committee held a meeting in THE TECH office.

The committee appointed to procure sample shades of the colors of the Institute, reported that the words "silver gray" might mean any one of three shades, and "cardinal red" any one of two or three shades. Samples will be presented at the next meeting of the Committee. The committee which was given the work of making arrangements for a trophy case stated that a space can be obtained either in the rear of Rogers corridor or in the hall between the two doorways leading into Huntington Hall. The Faculty desire definite plans before they grant a space, so the committee was directed to continue its work, and to make special effort to collect trophies. For the benefit of anyone who has a trophy which he will donate for the case, the Institute Committee volunteers to take care of such articles until the case is made. The sub-committee, from whom any desired information may be obtained, consists of Messrs. B. Hurd, Jr., G. W. Hayden, and R. K. Sheppard.

The committee appointed to confer with the Faculty on a design for an Institute pin stated that none of the designs presented are up to the desired standard. The committee was requested to consider the designs a little longer. If then the same opinion prevails, the committee will announce that competition for the design will be reopened for a limited time. The Institute Committee wishes the students to understand that it does not offer a prize. It believes that by such action it would exceed its powers; nor does it author-

ize or advise the offering of prizes by individuals.

Dr. Tyler has offered to make such arrangements that students who wish to obtain copies of any of the photographs of the Institute interiors and exteriors which were exhibited at the Fair, may do so at reasonable rates. Messrs. Price and Fish were chosen to confer with Dr. Tyler, and to collect orders for the photographs.

It was suggested to the Committee that a "Card Bulletin Board" placed in Rogers corridor would be a valuable addition. On this board, in regular spaces, would be placed all student notices, which are now distributed over many boards. Thus all announcements of prospective meetings, and the like, for one day would be given together. Mr. G. W. Hayden was appointed to ascertain the expense, place, and other details relative to the bulletin.

For the benefit of the new students, we give below a short history of the Institute Committee, and what it has done.

Last February the Executive Committee of '93 suggested that a student committee be organized, having for its object the furtherance of the interests of the Institute at home and abroad. The suggestion was immediately acted upon by '94; and, meeting with general approval, such a committee was organized, under the name of the "Institute Committee." The constitution provides that it shall be composed of ten members during the first term and twelve during the second term of the year, each class delegating as members its president and two other men to be elected by ballot. During the first term the Freshman class is represented by its president only. The President, Secretary, and one other member of the Faculty, at present Professor Sedgwick, are honorary members.

Among the things accomplished last year, it secured the appointment of several able men as reporters of Tech news for some of the prominent dailies of the country, thereby

insuring adequate and accurate press representation. It assisted the Institute in preparing the World's Fair exhibit, and compiled a portfolio of photographs representing Technology's social life. It secured the adoption of an authorized Tech pin, and in many other ways worked for the advancement of Tech interests, especially in making the Institute better known among the people at large, and in developing its social life.

The possible good to be gained from the work of such a representative committee is almost without limit, and it is the duty of every student to support the Institute Committee.

Cross-country Run, December 16th.

IN order to create more class interest in a class championship event, and also to maintain fairness, it has been decided to make a few regulations concerning the cross-country run, December 16th.

First, each class team must finish, in order to count class points.

Second, the first three representatives of each class to finish shall comprise the class team.

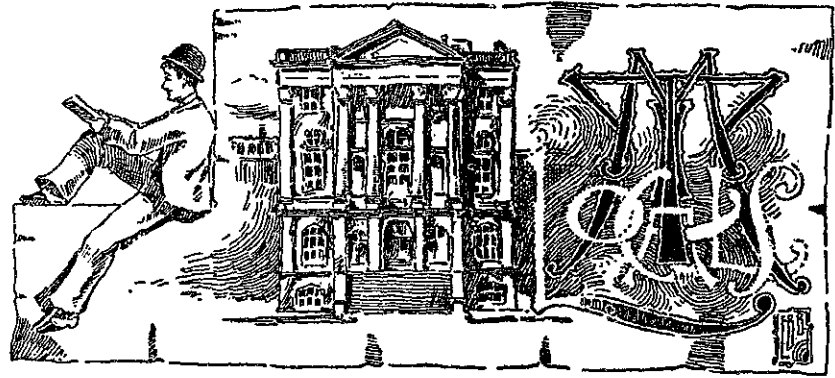
Third, the class scoring the least number of points in the order of finishing shall be the winner; the second lowest, second; and next, third. For example, the class which has three men to finish first, third and fourth, or eight points, will beat the one whose first three men in are second, fifth and seventh, or fourteen points.

Fourth, points count five, three, and one to the class finishing first, second, and third respectively. On the other hand as many as wish may compete from a class.

The first, second, and third individuals to finish will count toward the general excellence cup five, three, and one points, respectively.

First and second prizes will be given, and also a third, if more than five finish the course.

Any further interpretation of these rules and any omissions will be attended to by the Executive Committee of the M. I. T. A. C.



Ninety-six has adopted a class cane.

F. C. Green, '94, was aboard the Columbia on her trial trip.

W. J. Batchelder went to Chicago last week on the B. A. A. football team.

The Architectural Society will have its first formal dinner on December 8th.

Some one has said that "God's only mistake in creation" is in the Institute. What is it?

Mr. T. T. Dorman spent considerable of his time at Technology during a recent visit to Boston.

The Sophomore class picture was very reasonable for the quality of work, and gives great satisfaction.

The Glee and Banjo Club gave a full concert at the Kernwood Club, Malden, on Monday evening, December 4th.

The Glee and Banjo Clubs are considering a proposition from the Trinity College clubs to give a joint concert in Springfield in January or February.

L. A. Carey, A. D. Maclachlan, and F. H. Rogers were appointed from '96 to forward all grinds, poetry, etc., from the class to the '95 "Technique" Board.

The Junior class dinner, next Tuesday night, ought to be made a great success. The Class of '95 has been taunted by other classes for a supposed lack of *corps d'esprit*, and this dinner offers an opportunity to refute the allegations.

Any relic or trophy of historic value to Technology, and suitable to place in a trophy case, should be forwarded to the committee in

charge, B. Hurd, Jr., R. K. Sheppard, or G. W. Hayden, before Christmas, as plans must be soon made for the size of the case.

At the meeting of the Society of Arts tonight, Mr. Howard A. Carson will read a paper on the "Metropolitan Sewerage System." Mr. Carson is a member of the Sewerage Commission, and also belongs to the Corporation of the Institute.

Complete sets of examination papers in all important subjects of the various years, have been collected by Messrs. J. C. Locke and R. C. Wheeler, '94, from whom they may be obtained through the Cage, at reasonable rates. Notices concerning them are in all the buildings.

Mr. W. (in American History): "The examination will consist of five questions, but you need answer but four. The first one is on 'The Division of America between Spain and Portugal.'"

P-r-k-r (immediately): "Give us the next one, please."

At the Freshman class meeting, on November 28th, a committee was appointed to organize a class athletic team and make all necessary arrangements for entrance in the Fall Indoor Meet. The members of the committee are J. P. Ilsley, G. M. Lane, H. W. Allen, J. W. Chapin, and C. W. Bradley.

Footballs, baseballs, bats, class flags, menus, and all articles which have any connection with Technology life, are needed for the trophy case. Stuffed roosters, greased pigs, cane-rush relics, and the like, may be classed as desirable articles. Mr. Collins has sent from Chicago the banner carried by the "Cadet" on her memorable cruise to the Fair.

The ballot box used in the '96 class election, which has been in use in other class affairs during recent years, was originally provided by a member of the Class of '91 for the "Technique" election held in '89. But its history does not stop here, for it had formerly be-

longed to a gentleman who used it forty years ago in a young men's debating club. It is a relic worth preserving.

That we are to have a summer school of architecture is practically settled. Professor Homer has taken the matter in charge, and has already laid before the students of this department a rough scheme of the programme. It is proposed to hold the school in and about Quebec. The principal work will be sketching, and, as is well known, this locality offers an excellent field for such work.

Mr. B. R. T. Collins, '88, is now in the engineering department of the Chicago Edison Company, which is installing a steam-power plant, consisting of twenty-four vertical triple-expansion engines having a total capacity of twenty-seven thousand horse-power, the largest of its kind in the world. Probably more of our alumni are situated in Chicago than in any city besides Boston.

A delegation of about seventy-five Juniors visited the Watertown Arsenal last week upon special invitation from the commanding officer. Lieutenant Hawthorne accompanied the party, and gave much information. The workshops, foundry, and the giant testing machine were inspected in company with an officer who furnished all appropriate explanations. The new 8-inch rifle, mounted upon a thoroughly modern carriage, and the testing machine, the largest in the country, were specially interesting.

The Senior architects handed in the designs on the first problem of the term the day before Thanksgiving, after using very much midnight oil. Professor Despradelle inaugurated a custom which is practiced to a large extent in the Beaux Arts, of having the underclassmen assist the Seniors. The last two or three days, when the Seniors were very much rushed, the Juniors "worked like Turks" for them, in several instances sitting up all night with their overworked brothers. The advantages of this co-operation are mutual, as the Juniors learn a great deal by it.



Recent football scores:—

November 22d.—U. of V., 12; Annapolis, 0.
 St. John's College, 16; Johns Hopkins, 10.
 Pennsylvania, 18; Graduates, 0.
 Princeton, '97, 8; Columbia, '97, 4.
 November 25th.—Yale, 6; Harvard, 0.
 Lehigh, 34; U. of North Carolina, 0.
 Union, 36; Rochester Univ., 0.

The officers of the meeting for the class championship games are as follows:—

Referee, R. B. Beals, H. A. A.; Judges, T. Spenser, M. I. T., '91, W. F. Garcelon, H. A. A., M. Stern, B. A. A.; Timers, F. M. Wood, B. A. A., J. W. Bowler, C. B. G.; Starter, J. Graham, B. A. A.; Clerk of Course, F. C. Green, M. I. T.

The cross-country run is scheduled for Saturday, December 16th.

Harvard beat U. of P. on Thanksgiving Day, 26-4, partially wiping out the disgrace of her defeat by Yale. Yale, on the other hand, was deceived by the cunning Tigers, and beaten by her favorite score reversed, 6-0. Poor Yale! She has had more than her share of victory, though, and should not begrudge this glory to the plucky New Jersey college.

Among the Tech men who went to New York to see the Yale-Princeton game, were W. H. Bovey and H. F. Copeland, '94, W. E. Barbour, Mortimer Frank, '96, Carl Shuttler, '97.

Ninety-seven shows up well in athletics. Some very fine hurdling material is being developed.

Entries for the class championship games closed yesterday. Each class is well represented, and close results are looked for. The games next Saturday will commence at 2 P. M. sharp.

Mr. J. F. Moakley, of the D. A. C., has been appointed permanent handicapper of the N. E. A. A. A. U.

The big B. A. A. annual indoor handicap meet will be held early in February, in Mechanics' Building.

Much interest at present is taken in sparring and fencing by the students, and some very clever performers may be seen any evening at the Gym. A meeting may be held in the spring to develop this line of sport. Both are very pretty and very interesting events to watch.

It is rumored that no more Harvard-Yale games will be played in Springfield. The four years' contract has expired.

Harvard plays U. of P. in Philadelphia, on Thanksgiving Day, 1894; so B. A. A. and Chicago A. A. will play football on Jarvis Field, Cambridge, on that day.

On December 21st, in the B. A. A. gymnasium, the following events are open to M. I. T., H. A. A., and B. A. A.: Parallel bar—for points; pole vault—handicap, to start at 8 ft. 6 in.; standing three jumps—handicap; fifteen yards' dash—handicap.

Gymnasium director Boos has allowed the athletes free use of the Gym from 4.45 to 5.30 each evening for the past two weeks, until the class championship games next Saturday are over. He will gladly assist any who need advice in track athletics.

Mr. Boos is deeply interested in his class work, and is justified in preserving order. His variety of work creates interest. All who need physical culture should profit by the director's advice.

The New York *Times* offered a beautiful medal for the athlete who scored the most points in track events at the World's Fair games. C. W. Stage, Cleveland A. A., and F. C. Puffer, N. J. A. C., each scored ten points. They refused to toss for the medal; so it was voted to cut it in halves through its longest axis, and give a portion to each athlete.

College Topics.

Cornell is now having a 400,000 pound testing machine set up in her engineering laboratory.

A comparison of figures shows that the dormitory rooms at Yale range at much lower prices than do those of Harvard.

One hundred Freshmen of the College of Bellefonte, Penn., went on a strike because two members of the class had been suspended for having cider in their rooms.

There is a movement at Wellesley to secure an athletic field for college use.

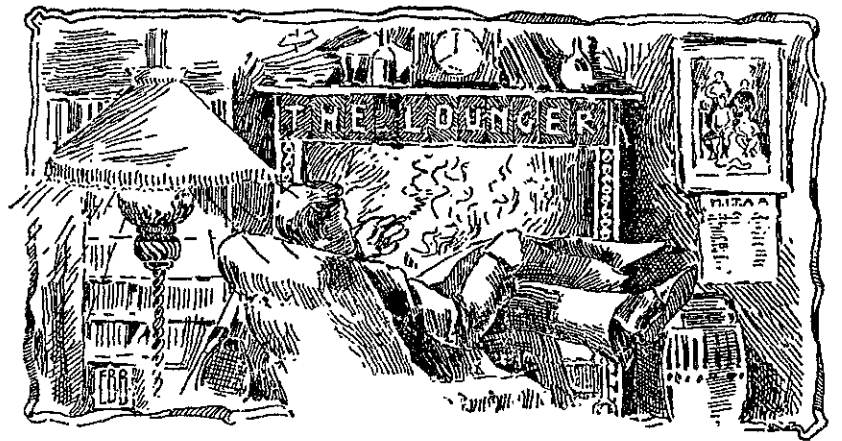
The *Army and Navy Journal* says: "The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, of Boston, Mass., is growing each year in the favor of army officers as an ideal school in which their sons can be educated in the highest scientific professions of to-day." It also gives a list of nine names of the instructors and students at the Institute who are sons of officers of the army.

Football at the United States Military Academy has received formal sanction of the War Department. The sport will be permitted at West Point when it does not interfere with the duties of cadets.

H. L. Pratt is to be captain of the Amherst eleven next year.

Recent college bequests.—Mrs. Ellen Eldridge gives \$60,000 to Yale University, to be divided as follows: \$20,000 to the Batell Professorship of Music; \$25,000 for two graduate scholarships; \$15,000 to the University library fund. Francis Parkman gives all his printed books relating to history, voyage, and travel, Greek and Latin, and his maps to the president and fellows of Harvard University.

It is reported that Mr. Rockefeller has offered \$1,000,000 to Brown University, on condition that another million be raised by friends and alumni of the institution.



THE Lounger is sad to think that the Rogers steps, his long faithful friends, must so soon become uncongenial, that the icy hands of winter ere long will claim them for their own, and that therefore THE TECH office up amid the cornices must once more become his only haunt in leisure moments. Already have the steps donned their wooden mantle for the winter, and the days are fast slipping by when friend may meet friend there in stolen minutes to confer in pleasant intercourse. It has been said that the lobby of the House of Commons is the best club in London, and similarly is the Rogers steps the meeting place of the club of clubs at Tech. Where can so many men be seen in so short a time,—and it must be added for so short a time,—where may men meet to greet and hurry onward with the best of feelings toward all as upon these steps? Then, too, in this club there are no dues, no initiations, and no black balls. What matters it if the professors scowl as they hurry in. This is no doubt because they are excluded from membership—they and the co-eds. Yet might these too rejoice and ponder over the saying that "absence makes the heart grow fonder." There are few of us indeed who can not "stop and spend awhile" for a chance word and greeting between the recitations, and few, too, who in a vacant hour, would not gladly bask in the sunshine at this vantage place to view the passing events in blissful carelessness. There is no place where the Lounger would rather be than in this attractive Bolyston Street theater box, where he may oft outwatch the passers by in their many posings before him, and he welcomes the brother Loungers, who like him, prefer this study of character to "book and picture and every fair device of art."

He likes to watch the fair, modest maids go tripping by on the Brunswick side, and, forsooth, the Art School girl, the Chauncey Hall victim, and the brilliant grind of Boston University are interesting, too, as they pass in parade quite ready to smile and bow before the

Lounger can realize that it is his good fortune never to have met them. The students as well, passing in and out, are an interesting lot, each betraying his class and kind. There is the Freshman with his still confident air of proprietorship, the jaunty Soph., the jovial Junior, and the Senior with his general air of satisfaction and a sort of respect-me-I-am-going-to-graduate look that the Lounger has often envied. Here may be distinguished the sorry grind, the gay chapel attendant, and the overflowing athletic fiend. Next comes along an absent-minded prof. with eye fixed on vacancy, who stumbles up the steps regardless of the many hats so shrewdly doffed about him. There goes the instructor, whose careful toil with the young idea has not yet rendered him oblivious of the world about him. Here now is Mrs. Stinson slowly climbing the steps, and the older students stand carefully to one side and greet the kindly soul with courteous bow. When the crowd is gone the postman comes with his mingled load of joy and pain, his dainty notes and tailors' scrolls. The electric cars go buzzing by. At last the Lounger is alone and at rest. The moments fly uncounted but not forgotten. 'Tis now growing late, and the daily coal team makes its appearance. The lumps of potential energy go rattling harshly down the scuttle, regardless of the busy minds within old Rogers and of the nerves of the Lounger on the steps. Even this cold harbinger at last is gone, but still the Lounger lingers, for another daily visitor is yet to come. Ah, here he is! 'Tis the organ grinder with his linked sweetness mechanically turned. How the Lounger would miss this angelic imitator! But fainter and fainter grows the tune, another loaf is ended, and the Lounger hies him to a more comfortable if less interesting resting place.

At Luncheon Time.

At luncheon time, when odors rise,
And, with a whiff to appetite,
Ascend old Rogers spiral stair
Into the dull abodes of care,
And with beguiling breath surprise
Till visions bright our minds devise,—
Stew, soup, croquettes, and chocolate pies,—
How sweet the dream on these to fare
At luncheon time.

Ah, hard is fate! As I surmise,
A counter bare before me lies;
"What hast thou left, O maiden fair?"
My stew is gone! Ah, where! ah, where!
Next time I'll be, you bet your eyes,
At lunch on time.

W. H. S., '94.

Her Picture.

I stand and gaze with wonder;
For some artistic elf
Has sketched upon this canvas
A likeness of herself.

I pause, not quite believing
That she, who greets me so,
Had left me at the station
But two short months ago.

I fancied, as I told her
How soon we then must part,
That 'neath her long, dark lashes
I saw a tear-drop start.

And I had said in parting,
Her face I sore should miss;
I promised love unchanging,
And sealed it with a kiss.

And now I hold her picture,
And speak with gentle tone;
But lips oft used to smiling
Respond not to my own.

How cold, and still, and deathlike
Her picture seems to be!
And how I wish that some one
Could bring my love to me.

E. S. M., '96.

A Harvard Man's Lament.

Oh! we all went down to Springfield,
And our hearts were light and gay.
Oh! we were so blithe and merry,
And our purses, heavy—very;
For we surely thought to carry
All before us on that day.

Oh! the bare remembrance of it;
How we sadly stole away.
But tell me, how in thunder
Did the gods of fate so blunder:
Were we fools enough to squander
All our surplus in a day?

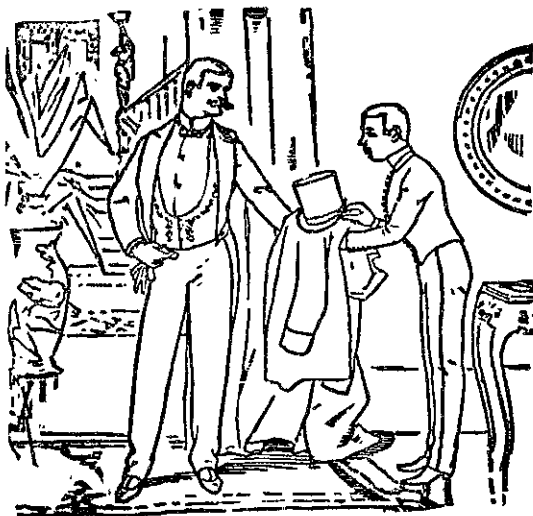
For we came home in the evening,
When the streets were dark and cold;
And we pondered long in sorrow,
How we'd have to hunt, to-morrow,
For some friend from whom to borrow;
For the Yales had all our gold.

B. S. H., '94.

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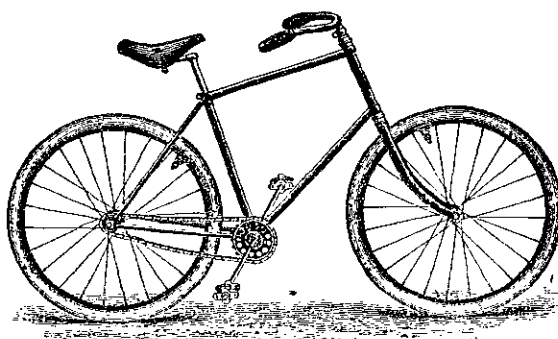
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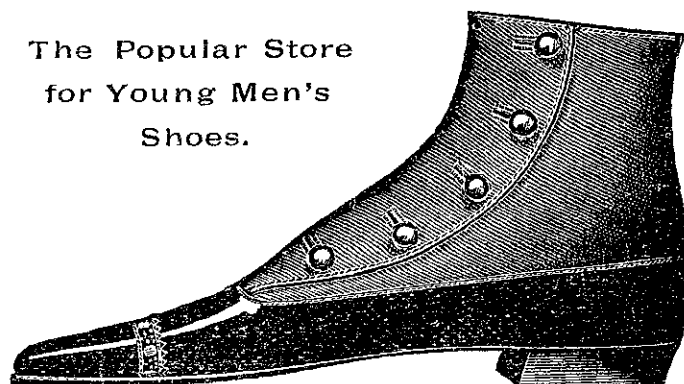
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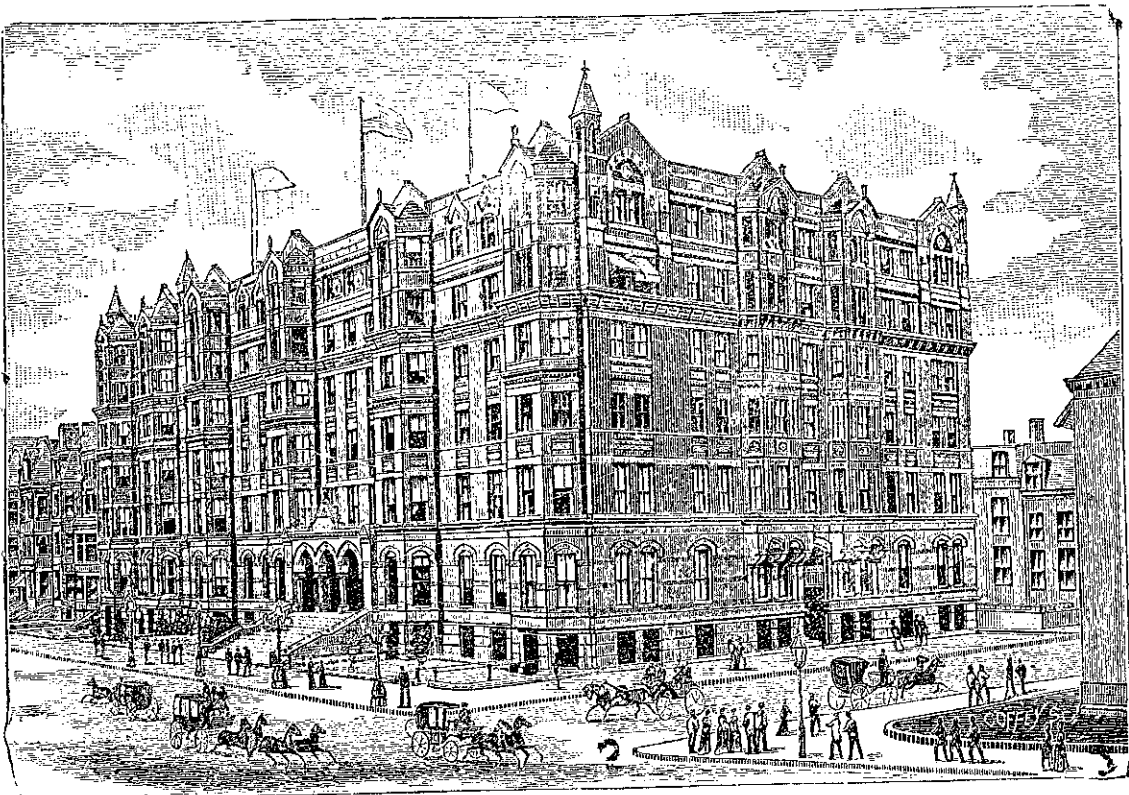
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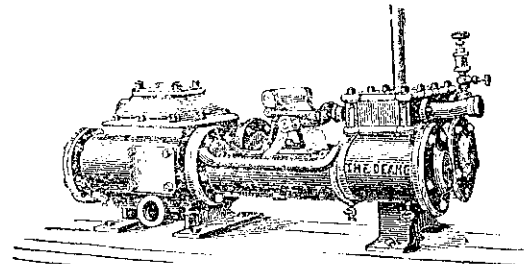
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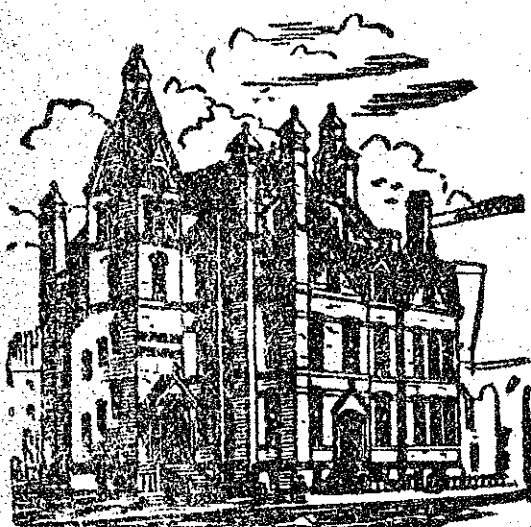


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